

**RADIO CALLING PROTOCOL
FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #2
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These procedures apply to all forest service roads in the Vanderhoof Forest District
Remember, roads are radio assisted; not radio controlled. Drive accordingly.

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Potential Hazards

1. Losing track of your location	6. Using the wrong frequency
2. Losing track of other vehicles location	7. “Walking over” other calls
3. Meeting oncoming vehicle without a radio	8. Being distracted
4. Not following calling procedures	9. Inadequate signage
5. Unnecessary radio chatter	10. Radio dead zones

1. “Up” is defined as increasing km numbers; “Down” is defined as decreasing km numbers.
2. Logging Trucks call “Up” or “Down” followed by the kilometre position (i.e. “Up 241”).
3. All vehicles other than logging trucks must identify themselves; pick-up, low-bed, fuel truck, grader, etc. (i.e. “pick-up Kluskus 50 down”, “grader Kluskus, 122, Up”). Also, logging trucks traveling in the “Up” direction should identify themselves as such (i.e. “Up with a load 246”) unless otherwise posted. (vehicle, road name, Up/Down, km).
4. **Single-Call Road** calling protocol (used on posted “Single-Call” roads);
 - Down vehicles call every ODD km, unless otherwise posted.
 - Wide loads, fuel trucks and loaded logging trucks traveling in the “Up” direction call every EVEN km (or when in doubt)
 - Other empty vehicles call only “must call” signs
5. Must call situations for both up and down travelling vehicles are:
 - When entering a new road system.
 - At posted “must call” signs.
 - Whenever there is a road frequency/channel change, or when leaving a road.
 - Whenever you are stopping and parking on the road, and again when you resume.
 - Whenever you encounter a vehicle traveling without a radio.
6. Convoy calling (two or more vehicles) is allowed:
 - The lead vehicle is responsible for calling for all vehicles in the convoy
 - It is the responsibility of the vehicle joining or leaving the convoy to inform and to receive confirmation from the lead vehicle.
 - A vehicle more than 2 km behind the lead vehicle is no longer part of that convoy and must call their own position.
 - A lead vehicle shall not call for vehicles more than 1 km behind them or each other.
7. Never pass any vehicle without notifying them on the radio and receiving the “OK”.
8. Avoid distractions while monitoring the road channel;
 - No unnecessary radio chatter.
 - Avoid noise distractions i.e. AM/FM radios, phones, music players, passengers
 - Stay on designated road channel at all times while traveling.
9. Resource road channels are for traffic management purposes only. Conduct all other communication on a non resource road channel when not travelling on a resource road.
10. When switching channels when entering a road systems, request oncoming traffic to indicate if “anyone is close”.